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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Bernhard DEHMER
Serial No. 09/672,038
Filed: September 29, 2000
For: VALVE FOR LIQUID SEPARATION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the September 13, 2001, Office Action, please
amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the specification in its entirety and replace it
with the following:

--The invention concerns a valve for liquid separation,
especially for analytical or preparative high performance liquid
chromatography, with a valve body that has an inlet and at least
two outlets that can be connected to the inlet in which a shutter
element with shut-off surfaces can be used to alternately shut off
the outlets directly by means of conical or spherical segment shut-
off surfaces.

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